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Application No.: 10/723,622

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REMARKS

Applicants amend claims 1, 3 and 4, and cancel claims 2 and 6-18. Claims 1 and 3-5 are pending, of which claim 1 is independent. No new matter has been introduced. Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims define over the art of record.

Applicants note with appreciation that the Examiner deems that claims 2-4 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In the foregoing claim amendments, Applicants amend claim 1 to add the patentable limitation of claim 2. In light of the amendment, Applicants respectfully request that the 35 U.S.C. §103 rejection of claim 1 be withdrawn.

Amended claims 3-4 and original claim 5 depend upon claim 1 and add separate and patentable limitations to claim 1. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that the dependent claims also define over the art of record.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicants believe that no fee is due with this statement. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 12-0080, under Order No. SIW-072 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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